

**MEETING OF THE
LAFAYETTE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
LAFAYETTE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE**

May 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 4:00pm, by the Chairman, Mr. Denney. Other members present were Vic Klinker and Dave Mecklenburg. Absent was Dawn Patterson. Staff members present were Ted Bumbleburg, Park Superintendent, Jason Biddinger, Golf Course manager, and Andrew Baumgartner. Guests for the meeting included Mike Jones, City Controller, Cody Thompson, Don Stinson, and Mike Malik.

The minutes of April 16, 2009 meeting were submitted and upon motion for approval by member Klinker, seconded by member Mecklenburg and unanimously approved.

The Chairman then presented to the Board general and non-reverting fund claims in the amount of \$116,942.49. Said claim docket is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Upon motion by Mecklenburg, seconded by Klinker, general and non-reverting fund claims in the amount of \$116,942.49 were approved.

The Superintendent was called upon for his report. He advised the Board that the seasonal job postings for 150 positions were filled from a pool of 500 applications. He is now adding to the list for substitutes and fill-in employees in case of persons who quit, move or need to go on vacations. He reported to the Board that the Loeb Advisory Committee was continuing to meet. Copies of the April 9th minutes of that meeting are attached hereto as Exhibit B. In the park update, he indicated to the Board that the Zoo had opened and that they had a significant crowd. The river otter exhibit is under construction and drawings are on the table for the Australian exhibit and the Galapagos turtle exhibit. The outlying pools will open on May 30th.

The Superintendent reported to the Board that Sandy Lindsey has put together a committee to sponsor a golf tournament for later in the year to honor past and present golfers on the Municipal Golf Course as a fundraiser for the course. The Park Foundation has agreed to set up an account to facilitate this. Mr. George German, the son of the former Superintendent, has agreed to fund the building of a new score board at the course, if it is named in honor of his father Bill German. The name plate on the score board will read "Score Board Donated in Honor of Bill German". Upon motion by Mecklenburg and seconded by Klinker, the request of Sandy Lindsey and Mr. George German was approved.

Mecklenburg was required to withdraw from the meeting.

No further official acts were taken at the meeting, but the Board continued to receive information from parties present.

The Board received a presentation by Eagle Scout Cody Thompson. Cody Thompson is a scout with troop 322 in Lafayette, Indiana and he proposes to build a bridge on a portion of the trail at Murdock Park that is prone to frequent flooding. He has been working with the Park staff on the design of the bridge and will recruit his fellow scouts to do this. It must be done in May.

A financial report was presented and given by City Controller Michael Jones.

A golf course report was reported by Jason Biddinger who advised the Board that over the winter the snack bar had been updated and made more efficient. That there had been 4 flood events, but the course was, as of today, playable in most respects. So far by the end of April, 1192 rounds had been played creating approximately \$70,000.00 in revenue. 15 events are scheduled for the summer, including an MDA outing and a Realtor outing. Tecumseh Junior High and CC teams practice and play on the course. It is his desire to create again a junior and family golf environment.

The Board collectively together with the staff acknowledged the passing of the Lewis Blumling this week. Mr. Blumling was a longtime park employee. Most recently working at the golf course where he was a consistent supporter of the program and a consistent friend to all of the patrons. The Board resolved that the passage of Mr. Blumling was a loss to the park system.

The Board received written communications from the Lafayette Christian School, the Tippecanoe Arts Federation and the Tri-County Primary School, all thanking the park staff and the Board for contributions to their program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Joseph T. Bumbleburg, Recording Secretary,
Pro tem